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Dear Jim & Vickie,

Our weather is finally turning nice here. I am looking out the window at work at the blue sky which we hadn't seen for a while. Yesterday I walked up to the Seattle Center and met Marilyn for lunch. She rode in from town on the monorail which is only a dime during the day.

It is sure nice getting off at noon, I always have so much to do in the afternoons. I don't see how anyone manages to work a whole day!

Last night Kim and I had a baby shower for Diana who is expecting in 3 weeks. It was a different kind of shower since we served wine and hors d'oeuvres (~~hors d'oeuvres~~?). Mom made little jig saw sandwiches, which are all different shapes with different colors of bread. They were so good. It was fun seeing my old high school girl friends. None of us have heard any.

thing yet about a class reunion which should be this year. Our class was never very close anyway.

Saturday night we are taking Mom and Dad with us to a dinner the Young Democrats are putting on for the "Genesis House". This is a half-way house for heroin addicts in the W-district. They are all on the methadone treatment, which is a new drug which relieves the withdrawal effects of heroin. We have talked to several of them before, and ~~many~~ many have been in and out of prison and are now on probation. They try to create a family-like living situation, similar to group therapy. They are supported by the Catholic church and ^{by} what the Y.O.'s have been able to raise for them. The state does nothing in this area or any other type of rehabilitation program. The home has been very successful as far as helping them to resume normal lives.

Well, now you know all about that! I have to leave pretty soon and meet Mike downtown for lunch. See you later.
Love, Mary